examining a class definition of a superclass of the screen element if said class definition of said screen element does not include said method.

22.   In a computer system, a method of detecting input device support of a screen element of a graphical user interface comprising:

before runtime, examining a runtime version of a screen element of a graphical user interface to detect an ability to process an input device's events;

automatically identifying said screen element as supporting said input device when input device-handling program code is associated with said screen element; and

automatically examining a superclass class definition of said screen element's class definition if said class definition of said screen element is not identified as supporting said input device.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his review of this application. Claims 1-9, 11, and 22 remain pending after entry of the present Amendment.
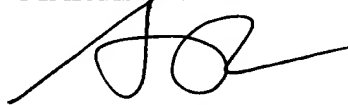
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10 and 12-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Finch et al. ("Finch") (U.S. Patent No. 5,805,796) and Ashe et al. ("Ashe") (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,574 B1). These rejections are respectfully traversed based on the same arguments previously presented in the Applicant's Response filed on October 30, 2002.

However, in the interest of furthering issuance of the presently allowed claims, the Applicant requests that claims 10 and 12-21 be cancelled. The Applicant reserves the right to present and further prosecute the cancelled claims in a divisional application. Thus, only allowed claims 1-9, 11, and 22 remain pending.

Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900 x6903. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP068). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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